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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 18 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[018] In lieu of using a carbon-based grid, in accordance with another embodiment, a carbon-based gas such as methane can be introduced into the chamber and a plasma initiated. High voltage pulses are applied to stent 10 to deposit the ions in surface 16. The wall of the chamber can be grounded. Table 2 is the list of process parameters which can be employed: